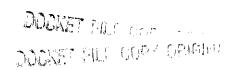
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2649 NW 66th ST, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73116

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Representative Ernest Istook U.S. House of Representatives 2404 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Representative Istook:

As someone who is concerned about increased taxes and telephone fees, I oppose Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chairman Kevin J. Martin's plans to change the way monies are collected for the Universal Service Fund.

Chairman Martin is proposing a change in the Universal Service Fund (USF) collection methodology from a "pay-for-what-you-use" system to a "monthly flat-fee." The flat-fee system would result in forced phone bill hikes for me -- and for millions of low-volume, long-distance users in the U.S. Shifting the funding burden of the USF away from high volume users -- like big businesses -- and placing the weight on low-volume users -- students, prepaid wireless users, senior citizens and low-income residential and rural consumers-- is unfair. I urge Chairman Martin to rethink his flat-fee plan. It is a de-facto tax increase of as much as \$707 million for 43 million of low-volume, long-distance users in the U.S.

Please pass along my concerns to the FCC on my behalf, letting them know that your constituents have contacted you to oppose a USF numbers or flat-fee plan. Thank you for your continued work. I look forward to hearing about your position on this matter.

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2217 W. Louisville St., Broken Arrow, Oklahoma 74012-4622

May 15, 2006

FCC Chairman Kevin J Martin 445 12th St SW Washington DC 20554

Subject: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Chairman Martin:

We have recently purchased prepaid cell phones for emergency use for calls between my wife and myself, to call the police or AAA assistance if necessary, and to be contacted in case of an emergency related to one of our seven (soon to be eight) grandchildren. We purchased prepaid phones to limit and control our expenses. I oppose your plan to change the way monies are collected for the Universal Service Fund.

I understand that you are proposing a change in the Universal Service Fund (USF) collection methodology from a "pay-for-what-you-use" system to a "monthly flat-fee." Your flat-fee system would result in forced phone bill hikes for me—and for millions of low-volume, long-distance users in the U.S. Shifting the funding burden of the USF away from high volume users—like big businesses (the fat cats who laid me off)—and placing the weight on low-volume users—students, prepaid wireless users, senior citizens, and low-income residential and rural consumers—is unfair. I urge you, Chairman Martin, to rethink your flat-fee plan. It is a de-facto tax increase of as much as \$707 million for 43 million of low-volume, long-distance users in the U.S.

Please withdraw your proposal for a flat-fee plan. I would appreciate a response to my letter.

Sincerely,

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Paul and Karin Pagel

4 Roberts Road Enfield, CT 06082-6127

FCC Chairman Kevin J. Martin 445 12th St SW Washington, DC 20554



Dear Mr. Martin:

As people who are concerned about increased taxes and telephone fees, we oppose your plans to change the way monies are collected for the Universal Service Fund.

Your proposal to change the Universal Service Fund (USF) collection methodology from a "pay-for-what-you-use" system to a "monthly flat-fee" would result in forced phone-bill hikes for us — and for millions of low-volume, long-distance users in the U.S. Shifting the funding burden of the USF away from high-volume users — such as big businesses — and placing the weight on low-volume users — students, prepaid wireless users, senior citizens (as my wife and I are) and low-income residential and rural consumers — is *unfair*.

We urge you to rethink his flat-fee plan. It is a de-facto tax increase of as much as \$707 million for 43 million low-volume, long-distance users in the U.S.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our views.

Sincerely,

Paul and Katin Pagel

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Senator Patrick Leahy
U.S. Senate
433 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Leahy:

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413 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-0001

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Representative Bernie Sanders U.S. House of Representatives 2233 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Representative Sanders:

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Representative Ed Royce U.S. House of Representatives 2202 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Representative Royce:

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Senator Barbara Boxer U.S. Senate 112 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Senator Dianne Feinstein U.S. Senate 331 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Marlene H. Dortch Office of the Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Annual Certification of Interstate Common Line Support and Long Term Support

Pursuant to the requirements set forth in 47 C.F.R. § 54.904 and paragraph 176 of the Federal Communications Commission's MAG Order¹, the undersigned, on behalf of Hartington Telecommunications Co., Inc. (the "Company"), hereby certifies that the Company will use all Interstate Common Line Support and Long Term Support provided to it only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of the company named above. This certification is provided for the study area under the common control of the company that is listed below.

DATED this 16th day of May 2006.

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Federal Communications Commission 445 12th St. SW

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V.P. High Cost & Low Income Division Universal Service Administration Co. 2120 L Street NW Suite 600

Washington, D.C. 20037

Re: CC Docket No. 96-45

Interstate Common Line Support & Long Term Support – ICLS

Annual Certification Filing

This is to certify that Van Horne Cooperative Telephone Company, will use its Interstate Common Line Support and Long Term Support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and service for which the support is intended.

I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of the company named above. This certification is provided for all study areas under the common control of the company, and which are listed below.

Signed,

Donald G. Whipple, Manager

May 15, 2006

Van Horne Cooperative Telephone Company

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204 Main St. P.O. Box 96 Van Horne, IA 52346-0096

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To:

Marlene H. Dortch Office of Secretary

Federal Communications Commission 445 – 12th Street, SW

Washington, DC 20554

Irene M. Flannery

Vice President - High Cost and Low Income Division

Universal Service Administrative Company

2000 L. Street, NW, Suite 200 Washington, DC 20036

Re:

CC Docket No. 96-45

Interstate Access Support - IAS Annual Certification Filing

This is to certify that CommuniGroup of Jackson, Inc. will use its INTERSTATE ACCESS SUPPORT - IAS only for the provision. maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of the company named above. This certification is for the study area(s) listed below.

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COMPANY NAME	STATE	STUDY AREA CODE
CommuniGroup of Jackson, Inc.	MS	289009

Signed,

Signature of Authorized Represe

emes N.C. Moffat, III

(Printed Name of Authorized Representative)

Executive Vice President (Title of Authorized Representative)

Carrier's Name:

CommuniGroup of Jackson, Inc.

Carrier's Address:

700 S. West Street, Jackson, MS 39201

Carrier's Telephone Number: 601-353-9118

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Carrier's Name:

Carrier's Address:

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Diller Telephone Company

402-793-5330

318 Commercial Street, Box 218, Diller, NE 68342

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PEMBROKE TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.

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Marlene H. Dortch Office of the Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445-12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Interstate Common Line Support-ICLS

Annual Certification Filing.

This is to certify that Pembroke Telephone Company, Inc. ("the company") will use it's Interstate Common Line Support and Long Term Support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and service for which the support is intended.

I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of the company named above. This certification is provided for all study areas under the common control of the company, and which are listed below.

Signed:

MaryAnna B. Hite

Secretary-Treasurer

Pembroke Telephone Company, Inc.

P.O. Box 10

185 E Bacon Street

Pembroke, GA 31321

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To:

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Federal Communications Commission

445 - 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Karen Majcher

Carrier's Telephone Number:

Vice President - High Cost and Low Income Division

Universal Service Administrative Company

2000 L Street, NW, Suite 200 Washington, DC 20036

Re:

CC Docket No. 96-45

Interstate Common Line Support - ICLS

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Annual Certification Filing

This is to certify that Nemont Telephone Cooperative. Inc - MT will use its INTERSTATE COMMON LINE SUPPORT - ICLS only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of the company named above. This certification is for the study area(s) listed below. (Please enter your Company Name, State and Study Area Code)

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Company Name	State	Study Area Code
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